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The RCC Weekly

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RoxMAPP Launch

On September 30th, eighteen students from Madison Park High School began taking their first college class at Roxbury Community College as part of the RoxMAPP initiative. Madison Park faculty and administrators, as well as Dean Charles Diggs, ceremoniously walked the students across



Photo courtesy of Gerald Chertavian, Board of Trustees Chair

the street from Madison Park's doors to the Academic

Building, Room 102. There to greet them were Governor Deval Patrick and Mayor Thomas Menino. Several other government officials also attended, including City Council members Ayanna Presley, Tito Jackson, as well as mayoral candidate John Connolly.

The students are taking our College Experience course, taught by Professor Angela MacDonald. Additionally, they are engaged in an Accuplacer Boot Camp, under the direction of Gary Kaplan, Executive Director, JFY Networks.



Congratulations to RCC's Newly Certified Tutors.

Over the summer, Johanna Jacobson completed the National Tutoring Association (NTA) Train-the-Trainer program and satisfied the academic requirements for NTA Trainer certification. In the past month, more than twenty RCC faculty, both full time and adjunct, have been trained using NTA curriculum and all are now certified tutors. Congratulations to all!



For more information on NTA, visit their website at ntatutor.com

Mark Your Calendar

- October 7:** Symposium: The State of Community Colleges in an Urban Setting
- October 8:** PTK Spirit Day
- October 10:** PTK Open House
- October 10:** Community Work Day
- October 10 & 11:** Sprint for Success
- October 11:** 40th Gala
- October 22:** Community Career Fair
- October 29:** "Careers In Quality" Panel

RCC Partnership Provides Campus-wide Online Technology Training



RCC has recently partnered with Atomic Learning (AL), award-winning provider of online technology

training and support. Through this partnership, RCC is able to provide learning opportunities that make it easy for students to embrace technology and develop critical skills for success at school, at work, and in life.

Research shows 3 out of 4 students feel their institution is not using the technology it has effectively.¹ Students' style of learning is different today especially in regard to technology. Instructors not only need to understand how to use technology in their teaching, they need to understand how to help students use technology to help guide their own learning.

RCC is dedicated to bringing technology training to all learners on campus through this partnership. With Atomic Learning, we can provide faculty, staff, and students 24/7 access to technology training resources. Featuring a guided, step-by-step path through online workshops on topics from MS Office, the internet and Moodle, Atomic Learning provides valuable educational resources as well as just-in-time training and support on over 200 applications. Atomic Learning's online resources simplify campus technology training and support.

Students can log in using their college log-in credentials. Faculty and staff can log in using their email address as their user name and "learn" as their password (change the password after logging in). If you have any problems logging in, please contact Matt in the IT Department. More information about AL trainings coming soon.

About Atomic Learning

Founded in 2000 by a group of technology educators, Atomic Learning serves over 16 million individuals in more than 45 countries worldwide. Online and on-demand, Atomic Learning's award-winning resources for technology integration and support, student training, and 21st century professional development create flexible training opportunities that make it easy for learners of all ages to embrace technology. Visit Atomic Learning online at

www.AtomicLearning.com.

¹ ECAR study of students and information technology in higher education

RCC-MIT International Fellows Presentation Series—Fall 2013

RCC faculty and students are invited to attend the presentations listed below, which will be held in 3-424. Please encourage interested students to join us. If you have questions, please contact RCC Faculty Advisor, Prof. Nasreen Latif.

Economics

1. Waqar Hussain Shah, **Pakistan: Energy Policy and Sustainable development**
Wed. 10/16, 9:00-11:00 am
2. Chipo Gift Mubambe, **Zambia: Water demand and Supply, Management and Sanitation**
Wed. 11/6, 9:00-11:00 am

Urban Economics

1. Elena V. Korotkova, **Russia: Affordable Housing and Policies**
Tues. 10/8, 10:30-11:45 am
2. Latha Chhetri, **Bhutan: Urban Planning and Community/Municipal Development**
Thurs. 11/21, 10:30-11:45 am
3. Cristián Navas Duk, **Chile: Transportation System and Urban Planning**
Thurs. 12/5, 10:30-11:45 am



COMMUNITY WORK DAY

Please join us and help make Roxbury a greener, healthier, and stronger neighborhood.

When: Thursday, October 10, 10am—12pm

Where: RCC Garden (Behind Building 4- Cedar Street)

SPECIAL ACTIVITY: Yoga Class at 10:15am by Ms. Laura Wulach. Bring your yoga mat or towel and water bottle with you.

For more Information, please contact Prof. Nasreen Latif, nlatif@rcc.mass.edu

Roxbury Repertory Theater

A Soldier's Play, Roxbury Repertory Theater's 2013-2014 fall production, will run October 23—November 2, with matinee and evening shows. It is directed by our own Marshall Hughes. This event is free for RCC students.

For more information or reservations, contact Pam Green at 617-541-5380

Professional Development

Coming Up Soon...

Entering Midterm Grades in MyRCC

This workshop provides an overview of the college's grades policy and instruction on how to enter final grades in MyRCC. Basic navigation and updating your profile will also be covered.

WHEN: Monday, 10/21, 2:30—4pm

WHERE: 3-207Q

Drop-in Training Sessions

These sessions are for anyone who wants to drop in to learn more about using the technology in our learner-centered classrooms. If you want to know the basics, learn some more advanced features, or just practice using the technology, come on by!

WHEN: Wednesday, 10/9, 8-10am & 12-2pm

WHERE: 3-207Q

Learner-Centered Teaching with PowerPoint

In this workshop, participants examine learner-centered strategies that promote interactions with PowerPoint slides. Participants will explore design options that apply polls, video, and whiteboard capabilities. Recording and handout options to promote learning will be discussed.

WHEN: Wednesday, 10/23, 3—4pm

WHERE: 3-207Q

Weekly Moodle Drop-in Sessions

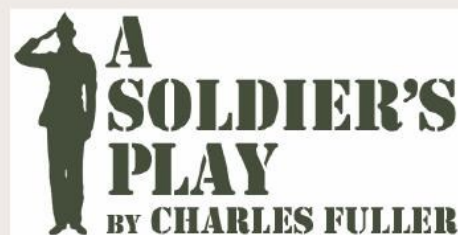
These informal drop-in sessions are open to any and all faculty at any level of Moodle experience.

WHEN: Every Monday & Thursday, 12-2pm

WHERE: 3-207Q

Roxbury Repertory Theater

presents



Directed by: Marshall Hughes

Scenography: Mirta Tocci

Performances include:
Matinee and Evening shows

Thurs, Fri - Oct 24 & 25, 10am & 8pm

Thurs, Fri - Oct 31 & Nov 1, 10am & 8pm

Sat, Oct 26 & Nov 2, 12pm

Tickets: \$10, Adults, \$5, Students & Seniors

For Reservations and Group Rates

Please contact:

Pamela Green @ 617 541-5380

or email: pgreen@rcc.mass.edu

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Sprint for Success



On October 9th and 10th, from noon to 6 p.m. each day, the Language Lab will spearhead **Sprint to Success**, an academic support initiative designed

to make College support services especially visible to students and faculty. The Writing Center, the Learning Center, the Math Clinic, and the Library are joint participants in the Sprint to Success, which will be held on the second floor corridor of the Academic Building.

40th Anniversary Event

In the final week of celebrating RCC's 40th Anniversary, an Academic Symposium: **Transforming the Urban Community College for the 21st Century** will be held next Monday. Please come, along with your students, for a timely and relevant panel discussion on the future of our urban campus. A distinguished group of speakers has been assembled. Even more important than hearing from them is hearing what faculty, staff, students and community members hope for their College.

Judy Kahalas prepared some worksheets for faculty who plan to bring their classes and who wish to prepare them. One includes suggestions for preparing students for dialogue and analytical thinking. The other is a neighborhood survey on RCC. She emailed the worksheets on September 27th. If you are unable to locate that email, please contact Judy at jkahalas@rcc.mass.edu.



Roxbury Community College Symposium

Transforming the Urban Community College for the 21st Century

*Please join us for an informative
discussion on ways the urban community
college can address the needs of the
community and its students.*

October 7, 2013
Media Arts Building, Mainstage
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to participate!

Panelists:

Dr. Thomas Bailey
Director of the Community College Research Center
Columbia University

Dr. Richard Freeland
Massachusetts Commissioner of Higher Education

Mr. Tito Jackson
Boston City Council

Prof. Ruth Kiefson
English Faculty, RCC

Dr. Linda Turner
Former Interim President, RCC
Former President, Urban College

Ms. Beatriz McConnie Zapater
Head of School, Boston Day and Evening Academy

Moderators:

Prof. Everest Onuoha
Prof. Judy Kahalas
Prof. David Updike

**Put the Community
into Community College!**



Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu